

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
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RALPH MORGAN PARKWAY — DESIGNATED.

No. 74 (House Resolution No. 1045).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the Ralph Morgan Parkway; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Ralph Morgan was born in Varnell, Georgia, on August 23, 1932, into a family who taught him self-respect, values, education, respect for others, and love for church and community; and

WHEREAS, he was educated in the Whitfield County School System and graduated in the class of 1950 from Varnell High School. He studied engineering for three years in Indiana but financial hardship forced him to discontinue his education; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Morgan volunteered to serve in the United States Air Force in 1952 and was sent to northern Japan where he served for over two years. A veteran of the Korean War, he was honorably discharged in 1956, and later that year he married the former Ysleta Wilson. They have one son, Wm. Ralph Morgan II; and

WHEREAS, Ralph has been a member of the Varnell United Methodist Church for over 40 years, serving on various committees in such capacities as Chairman of the Administrative Board, Church Treasurer, Chairman of Finance, Sunday School Superintendent, Lay Speaker, and Chairman of Board of Trustees. He was Chairman of the Board of Trustees during the building of the New Varnell United Methodist Church and has taught in the church for most of his years of membership, with almost 30 years as teacher of the Senior Adult Class; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Ralph and other citizens chartered the Varnell Ruritan Club. Ralph was elected to be the charter secretary of the newly formed community club and has almost 36 years of perfect attendance. He was instrumental in building the first lighted ballfield in the unincorporated area in the county along with other club projects too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Morgan started his own company in 1966, providing industrial supply products to the carpet industry in the Whitfield County area and across the nation. After directing this venture into a thriving success, he retired from the supply business, selling his company in 1986; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Ralph was instrumental in helping to charter the City of Varnell as a new city. Upon the city receiving its charter, he accepted the appointment of municipal judge where he served for 18 years. Since that time, he has served on the Varnell City Library board, as assistant city clerk, and is presently serving as Historian of the City of Varnell. In 1986, on behalf of his family, he donated an 11,000 square foot building with three acres of land to the City of Varnell for a city hall and community center with auditorium. For a period of over two years, in order for the city to have garbage service, he volunteered to drive the garbage truck each Saturday. He has also secured other donated properties from citizens of the city including a 24,000 square foot building and land which is now the city sanitation and maintenance department. He also secured the gift of the famous Varnell Spring with almost ten acres of prime land for a city park. He also led the fight against the United States Postal Service to save the Varnell Post Office with ZIP Code 30756 from being closed, fighting all the way to the White House in Washington, D. C.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan has worked with the youth of his community and Whitfield County for the past 35 years in both the boys baseball and girls softball programs while serving for approximately eight years on the national Board of Dixie Youth Baseball as a national director. Also, he started organized youth softball for the girls in the unincorporated area of Whitfield County as United Girls Softball, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Morgan still serves his community and county as City Manager and Director of Finance for the City of Varnell. He also serves as Chairman of the Whitfield County Jury Commission. Also, within the last year, he established "Varnell Crossing," the first shopping center to be built in the City of Varnell; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Morgan continues today to show strong and respected leadership with a warm, deep, and great love for the City of Varnell and the Varnell community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the section of Georgia State Highway 2 from the west intersection of Georgia State Highway 2 with Georgia State Highway 71 in a westerly direction to a point of intersection of Georgia State Highway 2 with Georgia State Highway 201 in Whitfield County shall be designated as the Ralph Morgan Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs at appropriate locations designating the Ralph Morgan Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and direct to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ralph Morgan.

Approval Date: Approved May 1, 2000.